



**It's Time to Purchase Your**



**Halloween Haunts Tickets!**

Advanced tickets for Wehr's popular Halloween Haunts event go on sale in September. The 29th Annual Halloween Haunts educates families about misunderstood nature in a kooky, slightly spooky way. Learn about nature from friendly characters as you take a night walk through the Enchanted Forest, see hundreds of amazing Jack-o'-lanterns, and enjoy lots of Halloween fun inside the Visitor Center.

**Thursday, Friday, & Saturday evenings  
Oct. 19, 20, 21**

**Hikes leave building every 7 minutes  
between 6:30-8:30 pm**

*Advanced tickets are required!*

*\$10 per person; \$7 per person for Milwaukee County residents and Friends of Wehr members*

*Priority sale to Friends of Wehr members start  
Monday, September 11, 9 am*

*General public ticket sales start*

*Monday, September 18, 9 am*

*For more information go to:*

*<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/fall-events/halloween-haunts/>*

**NEW!**

**Halloween Haunts Matinee Debuts**

Join us for a special daytime version of our popular Halloween Haunts event. Designed for families and groups who would like a fully accessible nature themed Halloween event, our matinee will feature a self-guided walk into a Wetland Wonderland complete with costumed characters and special effects. Enjoy making simple Halloween crafts, and visit with Wehr's education animals. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

*Registration is required by Wednesday, October 18 Fee: \$5 per person Children 1 year and younger are free*

## Bug Day

**Sunday, September 17 1 – 4 pm**

Bugs Rule! Join us as we celebrate the little creatures that run our world at Wehr's 13th Annual Bug Day!

- Eat bugs at our Creepy Crawly Cafe
- Meet beetles, millipedes, and live arthropods from around the world at the Live Insect Zoo (petting permitted)
- Bring a hopper or borrow one of ours for the Grasshopper Jumping Contest
- Dip, dig, and swoop for insects on a Bug Discovery Walk
- See one of the largest butterfly collections in Wisconsin
- Dress like a bug in special kid sized bug costumes
- Visit Larva Land, a special pre-school area for the littlest bug fans
- Watch Live Beekeeping demonstrations

Grab the larvae and scurry over to Wehr for lots of six-legged fun!

*\$3 per person, \$2 for Friends of Wehr members, 2yrs & under FREE, \$3 parking fee*



**Autumn Fun for The Whole Family!**

**October 1, 2017  
11:30-4:30 pm**

*See page 3 for more details*

## Overnight Adventure for Families

**Special Family Camp-out in Whitnall Park**

**Saturday, August 12 – Sunday, August 13**

**7 pm-8 am**

**Location: Ross Lodge in Whitnall Park**

Join our naturalists for a "wild" night in the park.

Registration is required and space is limited to 15 families.

*See page 10 for details*





## Center News

### A Special Thank You to Ed and Connie Vidmar

The generosity of our volunteers and Friends is truly amazing. After successfully completing multiple projects over the last 4 years, we were a little worried about how we could fund the most ambitious part of our accessibility project. Accessible restrooms are undeniably the most critical part of making a facility accessible, but they are also the most difficult aspect to motivate people to donate to. So we were beyond thrilled when Ed and Connie Vidmar, two longtime volunteers and Friends of Wehr members, stepped up and made a donation to cover the majority of the cost of the restroom accessibility renovation! Ed and Connie have been volunteering at Wehr for 28 years and are great supporters of our mission. Architectural drawings are currently being prepared and will be on display at Wehr when completed. Once plans are approved, construction planning and coordination with Milwaukee County Parks can begin and we hope to begin work sometime in 2018.



Connie and Ed Vidmar



### Wehr Naturalist Wins Prestigious Award

Congratulations to Emily Brown, the 2017 winner of the Aldo Leopold Award from the Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education (WAE). This award is given for long-term exemplary service to WAE and the field of environmental education in Wisconsin. Emily has served in many leadership roles as WAE board member, committee chair and member, conference chair, and website developer. Her nomination letter called her an "Energizer Bunny" extraordinaire and praised her work ethic and commitment to the work and goals of WAE. We are very proud of Emily and all she has accomplished. Wehr is lucky to have her as part of our team!

### Shine Bright Through the Night Walk

As Wehr continues its progress toward becoming one of the most accessible natural areas in SE Wisconsin, new partnership opportunities keep coming our way. The most recent is working with Michelle's Action Angels Community Outreach. This 501c3 nonprofit organization, named in memory of Michelle Gildersleeve, formed in 2015 to raise awareness, empower individuals and families, and promote independence for individuals with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. Like many people with autism, Michelle treasured taking walks outdoors in nature and found that it helped her relax and calm herself when the world was loud, busy, harsh, and unforgiving.

On August 30, 2017 the second annual Shine Bright Through the Night Walk to celebrate the memory of Michelle and to raise funds to support autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders will be held at Wehr Nature Center. A portion of the proceeds will go toward Wehr's accessible restrooms. Accessible restroom facilities are one of the main limiting factors that prevent people with disabilities getting out into the community.

The 2-mile walk will begin at 6:30 pm and take participants along Wehr's accessible boardwalk. The pre-registration fee includes an event T-shirt and a glow stick to light the way... plus delicious cake in the amphitheater at the end! Please join us to support this important cause!

Please contact [mgaafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mgaafoundation@gmail.com) with any questions. To register for this event go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shine-bright-through-the-night-walk-tickets-34148693662>



Summer supplies, outdoor gear and back to school...shop at AmazonSmile and they will give back to Wehr Nature Center! Just switch your regular Amazon account to AmazonSmile-all the same shopping, shipping, etc.-even Prime.

Pick Friends of Wehr as your charity. Amazon gives .05% of your purchases to WNC! And that will make us ALL smile!!

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## Friends Of Wehr

**Thank You!** Your contributions to the Friends of Wehr are appreciated and always used with careful consideration.

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Core Vision IT Solutions, LLC  
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Greater Milwaukee Foundation's  
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*In Memory of Al Siemsen*  
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Steven Steinhafel  
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**OCTOBER 1, 2017**  
**11:30am - 4:30pm**

Admission: \$3/PERSON; 2yrs & under Are Free  
FREE for Friends of Wehr members

Join FOW on Cider Sunday and get a whole year  
of free parking, discounts in the Nature Store,  
program discounts, and access to early ticket sales for Halloween Haunts.

### Autumn Fun for the Whole Family

Press Apple Cider

Taste Homemade Apple Butter

Create Your Own Autumn Crafts

Go On a Guided Nature Walk

Bid in the Raffle and Silent Auction

Feast On Our Famous Apple Desserts

Purchase local apples from Patterson's Orchard

All Stars



**Music by the  
Bluegrass All Stars  
& the Sweet Sheiks**

### WaterStone Bank's Charitable Checking Program

Support the Friends of Wehr by  
banking with Waterstone Bank.

Waterstone Bank's Charitable Checking Program will make an  
annual donation to FOW based on the consolidated average  
annual balance of customers that list a participating non-profit  
as a recipient for their active checking account.

Visit <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/support-us/> for more details.



Thank you to Jackie Crivello's  
Wild Birds Unlimited for their  
continuing support in keeping our  
feeders full and our birds happy.  
Wild Birds Unlimited located at  
4454 S. 108th St. Greenfield.



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## Nature Volunteer News

### Upcoming Opportunities for Current Volunteers

**Dotty's Crafters:** Wednesdays, July 12,  
September 6 & 27, 1-3 pm

**Earth Care:** (Plant related tasks with on the job training provided)  
Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
September 7, 14, 21, 28, 9-11 am

**Bug Day:** Sunday, September 17, 1-4 pm

**Cider Sunday:** Sunday, October 1, 11:30 am-4:30 pm

#### Teaching Naturalist Trainings:

**Master Naturalist "Mycology"**

Saturday, September 16, 8:30 am-Noon

**Puppet Show and Possum Adventures programs,**

Wednesday, September 6, 9 am-Noon

**Soil Secrets,** Thursday, September 7, 9 am-Noon

**Ecosystems & Nature's Neighborhood,**

Friday, September 8, 9 am-Noon



Jim Kurovsky

### Ongoing Opportunities:

Phenology, Wheel 'n Chip Society, Critter Care, Office  
Work Paw Patrol, Social Media and Community  
Volunteers (SMAC), and more!

To find descriptions of volunteer opportunities,  
become a volunteer, and sign-up to help go to:

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/volunteer/>

Fill out an online application or contact Mary Gaub  
at [mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu) or 414-425-8550

**New volunteers are always welcome!**



Click  
to email!

### New Volunteers

The following new people joined Wehr's  
volunteer crew between February 2 and  
May 12, 2017. Please say "Hi" and  
welcome them to the Wehr family next  
time you see them.

Chris Baumgart

Russ Boushon

Ambria Champion

James Cieslak

Christie Hill

Joan Hill

Sarah Hood

Timothy Kant

Bruce Kehl

Todd Punke

Pam Shefchik

Rose Walecki

Gisela Zelenka-Drysdale

### Save the Date

Mark your calendar now for Wehr's Annual Volunteer  
Recognition Event on **Sunday, November 5, 2017**

**from noon – 3 pm.**




Sunday, April 23 kicked off  
Wehr's new volunteer group,  
"Paw Patrol". This group of  
volunteers will help to educate  
visitors about our park dog  
policies and why Wehr has a "no dog" policy.  
Volunteer Mike Woldanski has already made some  
great Paw Patrol walking sticks for our patrol volun-  
teers to use. We will also be getting vests to help  
identify these volunteers when they are out on the  
trails. If you are interested in helping with this new  
endeavor, please contact Deb McRae, Wehr  
Director, at [debra.mcrae@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:debra.mcrae@ces.uwex.edu)



# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Happy 4th Wehr Nature Center Is Closed 	<b>5</b> Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am 	<b>6</b> Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 
<b>9</b> Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am  Nature Yoga for Families 3-4:15 pm 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Fabulous Fire-pit Cuisine with Staci Joers 6-8:30 pm	<b>12</b> Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am  Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm 	<b>13</b> Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	<b>14</b> <b>Fireside Friday</b> "Firefly Fun" 7-9 pm 	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-noon	<b>18</b>  Ladies Night Out 6-8:30 pm	<b>19</b> Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am 	<b>20</b> Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Night Sky Viewing 8-10 pm
<b>23</b> Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am  NatureNauts 1-2 pm	<b>24</b> NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am 	<b>27</b> Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am 	<b>31</b>					For more information call 414-425-8550 All programs & events subject to change. Parking fees may apply.

# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am	3 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	4	5 Night Sky Viewing 8-10 pm
6 Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am	7	8	9 Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am	10 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	11	12
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20 Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am	21 Eclipse Day 12-2 pm	22	23 Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am	24 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	25	26
27 NatureNauts 1-2 pm	28 NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am	29	30 Hike for Health 10:30 - 11:30 am Shine Bright Through the Night Walk 6:30 pm	31 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am		
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# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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For more information call 414-425-8550 All programs & events subject to change. Parking fees may apply.						
3	4  Labor Day Wehr Nature Center Is Closed	5	6  10:30 - 11:30 am Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am - 12 pm Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm	7 EarthCare Crew 9-11 am  Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am-Noon	8 Teaching Naturalist Training 9 am-Noon	9 Wehr Camera Club 9 - 11 am
10 Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am 	11  Tickets on Sale to Friends of Wehr Members 9 am Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-Noon	12 Wehr Astronomical Society Michael Bakich, Editor of Astronomy "The 2017 Total Solar Eclipse" 7 pm	13  10:30 - 11:30 am	14 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	15	16 Advanced Master Naturalist Workshop: Fungi: Intro to a Curious Kingdom 8:30 am-Noon
17  1-4 pm	18  Tickets On Sale To The Public 9 am	19	20  10:30 - 11:30 am Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society 7 pm	21 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	22	23 Night Sky Viewing 8-10 pm 
24 Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 pm NatureNauts 1-2 pm Nature Yoga for Families 3-4:15 pm 	25 NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am	26	27  10:30 - 11:30 am Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm	28 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	29	30



## Nature Discovery For Children

### Little Wonders

A program for 2 and 3 year olds to share with their favorite adult

**Times: 9:30-10:30 am for 2 Year Olds 11 am-Noon for 3 Year Olds**

### Froggy Fun

**Monday, July 17**

Toddlers should hop, leap, and jump over to Wehr to enjoy an hour of froggy fun. We will learn frog talk, hop like frogs, and read a froggy story. Children will meet some live amphibians and create a frog costume.

### Water is Wonderful

**Monday, August 14**

Water is not only essential for life, it is fun! Children will discover the joys of scooping, pouring, splashing, and measuring water as we play at Wehr's temporary "water park". We will hear a story about the wonders of water, create a sparkly wave bottle, and eat a watery snack.

### Insect Adventures

**Monday, September 11**

Insects are cool! We will listen to the story, *Ugh! A Bug!* by Mary Bono, meet some live beetles and crickets, create some insect art, and eat a buggy snack. Join us and help teach your child not to let the bugs bug them.

### NatureNauts

A series of fun-filled programs for children 4-6 years old and their favorite adult

**Times: 1-2 pm for Sunday Classes 9:30-10:30 am for Monday Classes**



### Beautiful Butterflies

**Sunday, July 23 & Monday, July 24**

Butterflies are beautiful! Discover which butterflies grace our back yard and learn about their amazing adaptations. Meet and see real butterflies up close and make your butterfly craft.

### Beetlemania

**Sunday, August 27 & Monday, August 28**

Beetles swim, fly, and crawl everywhere. They're the most common animal on planet Earth! NatureNauts will meet and touch a bunch o' beetles and learn what makes these armored insects so special.

### Cawing Crows

**Sunday September 24 & Monday, September 25**

Come discover the fascinating world of Wisconsin's smartest bird—the crow. NatureNauts will discover how to "talk" like a crow, sing the crow song, and make their own crow craft to take home.



Pre-registration is required for all children's programs    Deadline is the Friday before the program date  
Fees: \$12 per child    \$10 Milwaukee County Residents    \$7 Friends of Wehr Members





## Nature Discovery for Adults

### Wellness Activities at Wehr

Enjoy the beauty of nature while you work towards your health and wellness goals.

#### Yoga for Wellness

**Sunday mornings, 8:30-9:30 am**

**July 2, 9, 23, 30; August 6, 20; September 10, 24**

Join Yoga instructor, Katy Martens for a morning of outdoor yoga surrounded by the beautiful sights and sounds of Wehr Nature Center.

You will be guided through a series of yoga postures, relaxation exercises, and stress reduction techniques.

No prior yoga experience is required.

*Fees vary; see web site for drop-in and flex pass details.*

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/yoga-for-wellness/>



### Fabulous Fire-pit Cuisine with Staci Joers

**Tuesday, July 11, 6-8:30 pm**

Join Staci Joers for a grilling class featuring some of her favorite recipes for camping and your backyard grill. She will pass along camping ideas and recipes to make your stay in the great outdoors loads of fun. You'll sample Grilled Quesadilla appetizers, Spanish Seafood & Chicken Paella, Grilled Asparagus, Homemade Bread baked in a cardboard box, and Grown-up S'mores. Reservations guarantee a space. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows

*Fee: \$30 per person*

*\$25 for Friends of Wehr members*



### Advanced Master Naturalist Workshop – Fungi: Intro to a Curious Kingdom

**Saturday, September 16, 8:30 am-Noon**

Fungi are fun! Specialists from the Wisconsin Mycology Society will help you discover the diversity of the Fungi Kingdom. You will learn the major fungal groups, basics of fungus identification, fungal ecology, and identification of common Wisconsin species. The workshop fee includes a copy of *The National Audubon Society Field Guide to Mushrooms*.

*Pre-registration required 2 days prior to program*

*Fee: \$45 per person*



Hike along with this group that walks Wehr's trails together for camaraderie, exercise and fun. Meet in the Visitor Center.

**Every Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 am**

*No fee or registration required;*



**Tuesday, July 18, 6:00-8:30 pm**

Pamper yourself from head to toe! This casual yet classy night offers products and services from over fifteen local businesses that support women and nature. Spend a summer evening learning about healthy lifestyle options, all natural beauty products, stress reducers, and so much more. Aquarius Jewelry, LuLuRoe Clothing, and many local artists will have items for sale. A fantastic raffle to support the Friends of Wehr Accessibility Project will offer more opportunities to shop.

Beverages and snacks will be available.

**Fee: FREE!**





## Nature Discovery for Families

### Fireside Friday

#### Firefly Fun

Friday, July 14, 7-9 pm

Discover the fascinating secrets of fireflies, hike to the prairie to look for fireflies, and then return to the campfire to toast S'mores.

*Registration is required two days before the program*

*Fee: \$12 per person*

*\$10 for Milwaukee County residents*

*\$7 for Friends of Wehr members*

*Recommended for Ages 5 and older*

### ASTRONOMICAL VIEWING

Join members of the Wehr Astronomical Society for sky viewing

#### Nighttime Sky Viewing

**Saturday, July 22, 8-10**

**Saturday, August 5, 8-10 pm**

**Saturday, September 23, 7-10 pm**

Look through a telescope and learn about the night sky with experts. Cloudy skies cancel event.

#### Daytime Sky Viewing

**Eclipse Day Monday, August 21, 12-2 pm**

See the astronomical event of the decade - the Great Solar Eclipse of 2017! Discover what makes this eclipse special, learn safe eclipse viewing techniques, and then view the partial eclipse with special eclipse glasses. Additional glasses available for purchase. Remember, NEVER view an eclipse without proper protection.

*No fee or registration required; \$3 parking fee applies*



### Nature Yoga for Families

**Sundays, July 9 & September 24 3-4:15 pm**

All ages will enjoy this nature-themed yoga class. Move your body gracefully like a deer, and stand tall and strong like the mighty oak tree. Breathe deeply and soak up the calming yet energizing qualities of the forest.

The entire family is welcome to join in the fun!

Yoga will be outside weather permitting.

*Reservations guarantee a space.*

*Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.*

*Fee : \$20 per family*

*\$15 per family with a Friends of Wehr family membership*



### Overnight Adventure for Families

**Special Family Camp-out  
in Whitnall Park**

**Saturday, August 12 –**

**Sunday, August 13**

**7 pm-8 am**

Location: Ross Lodge  
in Whitnall Park



Join our naturalists  
for a "wild" night in the park.

You will meet live animals, play games, light a fire and enjoy a campfire treat, and go on a guided night hike, all while camping out under the stars in Whitnall Park.

Tent set-up is available after 6 pm.

All tents must be taken down by 9 am Sunday.

*Registration is required and space is limited to 15 families.*

*Recommended for families with children 3 and up*

*Fee: \$25 per adult; \$20 per adult for Friends of Wehr members*

*\$20 per child (3-12 yrs)*

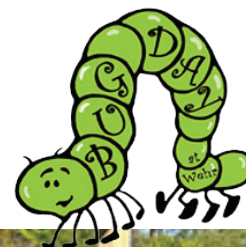
*\$15 per child with a Friends of Wehr family membership*

### Bug Day

**Sunday,**

**September 17, 1-4 pm**

**See front page for details**







## Community Organizations

Wehr is fortunate to host several organizations who share their passion and knowledge about the natural world with the public. For more information about these organizations and details about their programs, please visit their websites or call Wehr (414) 425-8550.

**Wehr Camera Club** is dedicated to sharing a passion for photography and nature. Visit <http://www.wnccc.net> for program information. Public programs are held the 2nd Saturday, September through June, from 9-11 am.

**Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society** is a chapter of the National Audubon Society that encourages environmental stewardship through education and conservation. Public programs are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm, September through May. Visit [www.wimetroaudubon.org](http://www.wimetroaudubon.org) for program information.

**Wild Ones, Natural Landscapers, Inc.** supports the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities by promoting the use of native plants in landscaping. Meetings are held at WNC from 1:30-3:30 pm the second Saturday, Sept. through April. Email questions to [wildones.wehr@gmail.com](mailto:wildones.wehr@gmail.com). Web: <http://milwaukee-southwestwehr.wildones.org/>

**Wehr Astronomical Society** is a group of amateur astronomers who promote the study of astronomy. Meetings are from 7-9 pm the 2nd Tuesday of February through June and September & November; 1st Tuesday evening in October. Look for us on Facebook.

## New Technology Helps Friends of Wehr Store Succeed

The Friends of Wehr Nature Store is now automated! Friends of Wehr purchased a state-of-the-art Point of Sale system (POS) called NCR Silver. By having most store inventory marked with a UPC, patrons can check out faster and have a detailed receipt. Even returns are expedited and you can be on your way faster.

With this new system we can notify members of sales, special Nature Store events and keep tabs on our inventory with accuracy. This new system takes advantage of the new Wehr WiFi installed throughout the building, developed and maintained by Core Vision IT Solutions, a local company with offices located in Wisconsin and Illinois. "As we began to grow, we needed a faster POS system with more functionality, but not overly complex," said Jim Wroblewski, Friends Treasurer. Jim also said, "We explored and researched other systems and NCR suited our needs and will grow with us."

The Nature Store's system is cloud-based and all inventories and software are maintained by NCR, keeping us secure and always up-to-date with upgrades. Now, we will also be able to analyze our sales trends and understand what our patrons need for nature education and exploration. We are also carrying more items for adults and home/garden decorations. With over 35 categories, from books to wall decor, and over 1,000 constantly updated items, you can always find great gifts at the Nature Store.

Support Wehr by purchasing nature themed birthday cards, get well cards, sympathy cards and blank note cards. Our card prices are very reasonable and less than the cost of cards in most major retail stores. The Nature Store has a very large selection of nature-based books from a child's level to the serious birder level. Even toys are based on a scientific theme. Rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and pendants are also designed with the nature lover in mind. Please spend time and look around; you will be amazed! All store profits are used to support the educational programs at Wehr Nature Center. The Friends of Wehr is a non-profit 503(C) Corporation.



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## FRIENDS OF WEHR NATURE STORE

### Don't let summer "BUG" your kids!

Come to the Nature Store to outfit your backyard scientists! We have lots of kits, puzzles, projects, great new books and more.

Good guidebooks, shirts, and other summer items for "big" kids too!

Open 8:30 am-4 pm

All proceeds go to Friends of Wehr to support the educational programs at Wehr Nature Center.







At Wehr Nature Center  
9701 W. College Ave.  
Franklin, WI 53132 In Whitnall Park  
414-425-8550 Open Daily 8-4:30  
(Check for holiday hours)  
<http://www.friendsofwehr.org>

### Coming Soon:

Beavers 101  
Sat. Nov. 18, 2:30-4:30 pm  
Owl Prowl for Adults  
Fri. Dec. 15, 7-9 pm  
Owl Prowl for Families  
Sat. Dec. 16, 3:30-5:30 pm  
& 6:30-8:30 pm



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Learn more about activities and events  
throughout the Milwaukee County Parks

## Wish List



### Squirrel proof bird feeder

Check out this donation item  
on AmazonSmile! Click the image and  
go to the AmazonSmile page. Use your  
AmazonSmile account that gives back  
to Wehr for whatever you buy!  
(See page 2 for more info.)



### Gift cards to Joanne Fabric and Micheal's



### Sponsor/Donation of taxidermy work

If you are interested in donating any of these items, or would like to contribute money towards their purchase,  
please contact Carol at (414) 425-8550. Your contributions are tax deductible when made to the **Friends of Wehr**.

**Membership Application:** This is an annual membership from January - December

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#### MEMBERSHIP TYPE

	Individual	Family
Regular	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior (65)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer (50 hrs)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>

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